

1 What is claimed is

1 1. A method of preventing theft of an electronic device having a power source interface, a power
2 activation member, and internal power source and a programmable control system, comprising
3 the steps of:

- 4 a. monitoring power to said device;
- 5 b. if loss of power, set disconnect register and shut down system;
- 6 c. upon restoration of power and activation request entry of password
- 7 d. if power upon activation, request entry of password
- 8 e. if password verified go to "i" and reset disconnect register
- 9 f. if password not verified request password
- 10 g. repeat step "h" for a predetermined number of times
- 11 h. if password not verified, shut down system totally.
- 12 i. operate device and go to "a"

13 wherein said programmable control system prevents activation of said device after said
14 total loss of power without said password.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said password is user programmable.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said power is AC.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said power is DC.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said programmable control system further comprises a
2 sensor.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said sensor is in said power source interface and detects loss of power from removal of said power source interface from a power source.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein said sensor detects loss of power with said power source interface remaining adjacent to said power source.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein said sensor is a motion sensor in said device, said motion sensor detecting movement of said device and setting said disconnect register.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said programmable control system interacts with an alarm, the shut down of said system activating said alarm.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein said alarm interacts with a household alarm system.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein said programmable control system further comprises a transceiver, said transceiver interacting with a transceiver is said household alarm system and separation of said transceivers beyond a predetermined distance activates said household alarm system.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein said programmable control system further containing programmable functions, said programmable functions remaining programmed within said programmable control system after loss of power.

13. A method of preventing theft of an electronic device having an exterior case, a power source interface, a power activation member and a programmable control system, comprising the steps of:

a. monitoring power

b. noting a power fluctuation

- c. determining if said power fluctuation is a decrease or an increase in power
- d. if decrease, and normal use, continuing monitoring said power,
- e. if decrease and total loss, set disconnect register and shut down system;
- f. if increase, set disconnect register and shut down system;
- g. upon restoration of power and activation check disconnect register
- h. if disconnect register is set, request entry of password
- I if password verified reset disconnect register
- j. activate device
- k. if password not verified request password
- l. Repeat step "k" for a predetermined number of times
- m. if password not verified, shut down system totally.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein said power is AC.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein said power is DC.

16. The method of claim 12 wherein said programmable control system further comprises a sensor.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein said sensor is in said power source interface and detects total loss of power from removal of said power source interface from a power source.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein said sensor detects total loss of power with said power source interface remaining adjacent to said power source.

19. The method of claim 17 wherein said sensor is a motion sensor in said device, said motion sensor detecting movement of said device and setting said disconnect register.

20. The method of claim 13 wherein said programmable control system interacts with an alarm, the shut down of said system activating said alarm.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein said alarm interacts with a household alarm system.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein said programmable control system further comprises a transceiver, said transceiver interacting with a transceiver is said household alarm system and separation of said transceivers beyond a predetermined distance activates said household alarm system.

23. The method of claim 13 wherein said programmable control system further containing programmable functions, said programmable functions remaining programmed within said programmable control system after total loss of power.

24. The method of reactivating a password protected electronic device having a power source interface, a power activation member and a programmable control system, comprising the steps of:

- a. programming said programmable control system as to accepted passwords;
- b. activating said electronic device, said electronic device commencing normal start up;
- c. showing a password reentry indicator requesting password reentry;
- d. indicating said electronic device will deactivate within a preprogrammed period of time;
- e. entering a password;
- f. checking said password with said accepted passwords;
- g. if said password is accepted, activating said electronic device;

12 h. if said password is not accepted, requesting reentry for a preprogrammed number of
13 times;

14 i. if said accepted password not entered within said preprogrammed number of times,
15 deactivating said device.

1 25. The method of claim 24 wherein said indicator of claim is visible.

1 26. The method of claim 24 wherein said indicator is audible.

1 27. The method of claim 24 wherein said preprogrammed period of time is user
2 programmable.

1 28. A control system and theft prevention for electronic devices, said control system having:

2 a. at least two electronic devices, each of said at least two electronic devices being in
3 communication with the other of said at least two electronic devices,

4 b. at least one user access code,

5 c. an activation/deactivation member;

6 d. at least one programmable feature;

7 e. a user programmable feature selection member, said user programmable feature

8 selection member enabling said at least one programmable feature to be selected by said

9 user,

10 f. at least one user programmable feature activation time period, said user programmable
11 feature activation time period set by a user for each of said at least one programmable feature,

12 g. input means, said input means to enter said user access code, said programmable

13 feature selection and said programmable feature activation time period;

i. an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input means, said programmable feature activation time period and said programmable feature selection member and controlling operation of said equipment by controlling access to one or more of said programmable features based upon user selection of said programmable feature and said programmable feature activation time,

j. a master program, said master program being on at least one of said at least two electronic devices,

k. communication means, said communication means enabling said communication between said master program and an other of said at least one electronic equipment,

wherein programmable commands entered into said master program can be transmitted to each of said at least one electronic equipment.

29. The control system of claim 28 wherein said communication means is wireless.

30. The control system of claim 28 wherein said communication means is hard wired.

31. The control system of claim 28 wherein said programmable period of time is based on the completion of a unit.

32. The control system of claim 28 wherein upon activation said internal control member checks for a change in said preprogrammed period of time.

33. The control system of claim 28 further comprising a password default code to enable a new password to be obtained.